

The Good Shepherd

I always enjoy walking in the park with my young niece Caroline. From her three-year old perspective, she's interested in everything: flowers, dogs, and mothers walking their babies. Yet whenever she wanders away and doesn't hear the sound of my voice, she becomes hesitant and anxious, somewhat like the Good Shepherd's lost sheep.



In the Gospel, Jesus presents himself as a shepherd whose sheep recognize his voice. He is attentive to their needs. He loves and tenderly protects the sheep that follow him and he knows each one by name. Christ promises us eternal life that comes from the heavenly Father. The Easter season reminds us that Jesus, God's Son, rose from the dead and has the power to grant eternal life.

In another perspective, God is our project, our way of life. During Christ's time among us, He invited us to continue his work, to give his Life to others. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we are active in this life-long service. Our principal mission is to improve the quality of life in our world.

Within the context of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, it is important to realize that the Lord is calling women and men to a particular service in the Church, his sheepfold. Even if new forms of commitments become popular, Christians still need shepherds who devote their lives to the ministry of the Word, the celebration of the sacraments, and fraternal service.

Today, as in the past, this responsibility belongs to all members of the Christian community, which means each and every one of us. Are we always available to recognize and confidently follow the voice of our Good Shepherd?

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 7, 2017

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Rob Mastromatteo
Fernand Leclerc
Carmela Crimi
Andrew Durso
Guilhermine Janeiro
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Nieces Marcella, Tania & Olivia
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Special Intention for Lena Nguyen

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much to all our parishioners who joined us for last week's 38th Christian commemoration of the Shoah. A special thank you to Mrs. Eva Kuper for sharing her powerful story of the miraculous series of events that led to her survival. This commemoration would not have been possible without the efforts of Holy Family's organizing committee: Father Baxter, Deacon Richard Brisebois, Helena Basso, Tom McCutcheon and Richard Donovan. Thank you!

FOUND: Pearl earring – Please see Gerry Romanow.

Additional Parking: Please note that we now have additional parking available on Sunday mornings during mass time only in the Diamond Taxi parking lot on the west side of Lajeunesse just south of de Castelnau.

Eyeglasses recycling for the poor: Please bring your old eyeglasses to Church and deposit them in the box at the rear of the Church. They will be sent to the third world. For more information, please visit <http://www.twecs.ca/>.

To those wishing to donate computers to be shipped to Africa, please ensure that your computers are **functional**. Several donated computers were found to be either non-functional or missing internal components.

Diocesan marriage preparation course: On-going for engaged couples, the course is offered in English, at the Diocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal. We are currently accepting registrations for May 5-6-7 and/or June 2-3-4. The cost is \$250 per couple, payable upon submission of registration, which includes supporting material, two catered lunches, coffee breaks/snacks and dynamic course speakers. For more information, Rita Maisonneuve at 514-925-4300, ext. 229 or rmaisonneuve@diocesemontreal.org

Last Sunday's Collection was \$2700. Thank you!

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."
"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.' "